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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Sacramento – Former Defense Department Employee Sentenced in Corruption Case

(U) Jeffery Parsons, 44, was sentenced to one year in prison for conspiring to accept illegal gratuities on account of official actions and conspiring to sell government property without authority. Parsons worked at Sierra Army Depot in Herlong (SIAD) and later at Naval Air Station Lemoore in Lemoore (NASL). Parsons, his wife, and their associate Travis Wong agreed that Parsons would use his authority at SIAD to allow Wong to sell valuable materials from the installation and that, in return, Wong would pay Parsons and his wife a portion of his proceeds from the sales.

SOURCE: 25 August 2020, US DOJ

(U) San Diego – Sailor Under Investigation for Arson in USS Bonhomme Richard Ship Fire

(U) A US Navy sailor is under investigation in connection with the fire that caused extensive damage to the USS Bonhomme Richard at Naval Base San Diego. Investigators determined the 12 July fire may have been set intentionally and identified a sailor as an arson suspect in their probe, sources said. Multiple search warrants were executed at the unidentified sailor's home and property.

SOURCE: 26 August 2020, ABC10

(U) San Diego – San Diego Utility Warns of New Wave of Utility Scams

(U) San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) warned its customers that a new wave of scammers is targeting them and threatening to cut off their service unless they pay their utility bills immediately with prepaid cards. Scammers impersonate SDG&E's billing department and ask for payment via Green Dot MoneyPak, a way of sending cash via prepaid or bank debit cards. Once customers purchase prepaid debit cards or make wire transfers based on the scammer's instructions, they're asked to call another phone number to provide the card information, which allows the thieves to steal the money. SOURCE: 26 August 2020, NBC7

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) California – CBP Seizes \$111,500 Worth of Fentanyl at Port of Entry

(U) Calexico — A 22-year-old woman and her vehicle were referred for a more intensive examination after a CBP officer noticed inconsistencies in her story. CBP officers utilized a K-9 team to screen the vehicle and the detector dog alerted to the trunk. CBP officers searched the vehicle and discovered 26 packages of fentanyl hidden in miscellaneous items, such as bars of soap, hair cream, lotion, milk containers, bags of corn nuts and a fire extinguisher. CBP officers seized the fentanyl, almost 10 pounds with a street value of about \$111,500.

SOURCE: 26 August 2020, CBP

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Illinois - 17-Year-Old Arrested After Two Killed During Unrest in Kenosha

(U) Antioch – Kyle Rittenhouse, 17, was taken into custody on suspicion of first-degree intentional homicide. Two people were killed Tuesday night and a third was wounded in an attack caught on cellphone video showing a gunman opening fire in the middle of the street with a semi-automatic rifle.

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In the wake of the killings, Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers authorized the sending of 500 members of the National Guard to Kenosha, doubling the number of troops.

SOURCE: 26 August 2020, AP News

(U) New York – Man who Attacked Officer Motivated by ISIS, Feds Say

(U) Brooklyn – A man who attacked a New York City police officer with a knife in June was motivated by ISIS materials he viewed online, federal prosecutors said as they brought robbery and weapons charges against him. Dzenan Camovic, 20, of Brooklyn, attacked the officer with a knife to his neck, according to prosecutors, allegedly shouting "Allahu akbar" repeatedly during the attack. He also took the injured officer's gun and used it to shoot a responding NYPD officer.

SOURCE: 26 August 2020, NBC News

(U) Wisconsin – Woman Sentenced for Attempting to Provide Material Support to ISIS

(U) Milwaukee – Waheba Issa Dais, 48, of Cudahy, was sentenced to 90 months in prison and three years of supervised release following her conviction on one count of attempting to provide material support to ISIS. Dais provided support to ISIS in 2018 in the form of expert advice and assistance using hacked Facebook accounts. Using these accounts, she pledged her allegiance to ISIS on numerous occasions, communicated with and encouraged other ISIS supporters who described their plans to conduct attacks, disseminated information about explosives and biological weapons, and attempted to recruit new members to ISIS's cause.

SOURCE: 25 August 2020, US DOJ

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Democratic Republic of Congo – Islamist Militia Kills 20

(U) Beni – Islamist militants killed at least 20 people during attacks on three villages in eastern Congo, the army and a local administrator said. The Allied Democratic Forces (ADF), a Ugandan armed group operating in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo for more than three decades, have killed more than 1,000 civilians since the start of 2019. The Congo army launched a large-scale operation against the ADF, sparking a string of revenge attacks against civilians.

SOURCE: 26 August 2020, Reuters

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